



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**

**Faculty of Arts**

**Department of Languages**

**2020\_1 EXAMINATIONS**

**COURSE CODE:** ENG454  
**COURSE TITLE:** MULTILINGUALISM  
**CREDIT UNITS:** 3  
**TIME ALLOWED:** TWO HOURS

**INSTRUCTION:** There are four questions in this examination, and you are required to answer **three. Question 1 is COMPULSORY**

1. Nigeria is a multi-ethnic nation characterised by acute/dense multilingualism. Discuss the factors that may have contributed to the multilingual situation in the country.  
(24 marks/50 minutes)
2. Compare and Contrast the various stages of language planning as proposed by Haugen (1972) and Adegbija (1989)  
(23 marks/35 minutes)
3. (a) Explain, using relevant examples, the types of language policies a government may adopt to make governance more effective in a society  
(b) Discuss briefly, the challenges of language policy and planning in Nigeria, and the probable way forward that the government could adopt.  
(23 marks/35 minutes)
4. Discuss the assertion that languages in Nigeria show different orders of hierarchical relationship.  
(23 marks/35 minutes)